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Proposed Assignment of G-2 Personnel [] to Assist in the
Economic Interrogation of []

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25X1A 1. G-2 has recently had occasion to submit detailed high-level
25X1A economic requirements to [] intelligence organization, through
25X1A Mr. Armstrong's office, for the exploitation of two specific []
presently available [] In reply, it was stated that interrogators
available in [] intelligence organization are not qualified to
interrogate on such economic matters but are responsible for only political
and sociological interrogations.

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2. It was further indicated that Army interrogators [] are
generally regarded as responsible for economic interrogation. However,
perusal of the economic reports resulting from such interrogations by
Army field personnel indicates that they are interested in strictly military
aspects of the Soviet economy and are not qualified to interrogate on general
industrial production and other high-level economic matters which are of
interest to CIA.

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3. Under such circumstances, it seems that G-2's economic requirements
in this matter cannot be properly acted upon unless G-2 itself furnishes a
high-level interrogator who is thoroughly familiar with the Soviet economy
and has conversational fluency in the Russian language.

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25X1A 4. G-2 has such an individual presently available for assignment to
25X1A [] for a period of six months for this purpose, namely []
of the Economics Branch, D/EE. G-2 proposes that you consider the possibility
25X1A of accrediting [] to G-2 for detail to your central field office
25X1A [] where [] are handled. Such an assignment would naturally
involve the use of your communication facilities for transmitting G-2's
25X1A requirements to [] and for receiving his answers, by electrical
means if necessary.

25X1X 5. I believe that this proposal is quite in line with the intent of
25X1A NSCID #13, which allocates to []
the responsibility for coordinating and centralizing all aspects of
handling and exploiting [] abroad.

6. I should be very pleased to have your comments on this proposal at
your earliest convenience. I shall withhold further action on this matter
pending your reply.

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